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3. CHINESE MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHA ZUKANG CALLED IN POLMINCOUNS AUGUST 12 TO DELIVER CHINA'S REPLY TO THE U.S. DEMARCHE OF AUGUST 11 CONCERNING THE "YIN HE." SHA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FU CONG OF THE MFA'S DISARMAMENT DIVISION.

4. SHA PASSED A WRITTEN REPLY IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION. TEXT FOLLOWS:

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5. AFTER READING THE FORMAL DEMARCHÉ, SHA AND POLMINCOUNS ENGAGED IN A DISCUSSION OF ITS CONTENTS. IN THE COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION, SHA MADE CLEAR THAT CHINA REMAINED EXTREMELY UPSET OVER U.S. ACTIONS WHICH LED TO THE "YIN HE" IMPASSE BUT WAS EAGER TO ENSURE THAT THE SHIP BE ABLE TO DOCK AND UNLOAD ITS CARGO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS, HE SAID, HAD LED CHINA TO CONSIDER OPTIONS SUCH AS THOSE OUTLINED IN ITS PRESENTATION.

6. SHA STATED THAT CHINA CONSIDERED IT THE UAE'S SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO INSPECT CARGO ENTERING ITS PORTS, BUT THAT THE UAE HAD ALREADY INFORMED THE CHINESE THAT IT HAD NO INTEREST IN INSPECTING THE CARGO OF A "FRIENDLY NATION." THIS, SHA HELD, HAD LED CHINA TO

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PRESENT THE OPTION IN POINT TWO ABOVE

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8. [REDACTED]

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THE ONLY  
REASON THAT CHINA HAD AGREED TO SUCH A FORMULATION, IN  
THIS CASE, WAS DUE TO CHINA'S DESIRE FOR AN SPEEDY  
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SETTLEMENT TO THE "YIN HE" SITUATION.

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THIS, SHA REITERATED THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WERE FORCING THE CHINESE TO ACCEPT AN INSPECTION. HE OFFERED THAT CHINA WAS VERY CONFIDENT THAT NOTHING WOULD BE FOUND, AND CERTAIN THAT AN INSPECTION (HOWEVER UNWARRANTED) , AT THIS POINT, WOULD BE "GOOD FOR CHINA."

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11. SHA STATED THAT THE SHIP WAS RUNNING OUT OF PROVISIONS AND FUEL. HE SAID THAT TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE, AND URGED POLMINCOUNS TO REPORT THE U.S. REPLY TO CHINA'S POINTS ASAP. POLMINCOUNS PROMISED TO PASS CHINA'S RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY.

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